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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Patent Office communication dated December 16, 2005. A **Petition for the Extension of Time** for one (1) month is submitted herewith, thereby increasing the time for responding to the outstanding Office Action to April 16, 2006. Kindly amend the application as follows: